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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SOVIETS SEIZE JAPANESE FISHING VESSEL

1. JAPANESE MEDIA REPORT SEPT 8 THAT SOVIET PATROL BOAT FIRED ON JAPANESE FISHING VESSEL SEPT 7 OFF SOUTHWESTERN COAST OF SAKHALIN, SEIZED CRAFT, AND ESCORTED IT TO PORT ON SAKHALIN. RADIO CONTACT WITH FISHING VESSEL LOST AFTER CREW REPORTED THAT SOVIETS HAD OPENED FIRE. PRESS REPORTS SPECULATE THAT SOVIETS BOARDED THE VESSEL. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

2. FONOFF (1ST EAST EUROPEAN DIV DIR ARAI) CONFIRMED THAT RADIO CONTACT WITH VESSEL LOST YESTERDAY AFTER SIGNAL REPORTES SOVIETS HAD BEGUN SHOOTING. FONOFF HAS SENT CABLE TO EMBASSY MOSCOW SEEKING INFORMATION AND EXPLANATION. REPLY EXPECTED TOMORROW.

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3. ARAI COMMENTED THAT THIS INCIDENT NOT LIKELY TO BE

AS SERIOUS AS THAT INVOLVING JAPANESE FISHING BOAT OFF
KOREAN COAST (TOKYO 12462). FISHING VESSEL WAS FROM
AOMORI RATHER THAN HOKKAIDO AND PROBABLY NOT
EXPERIENCED IN COPING WITH SOVIET HARASSMENTS. ARAI
SUSPECTS THAT SHOOTING REPORTED BY FISHERMAN MAY HAVE
BEEN WARNING SHOTS FIRED BY SOVIETS.
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